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News Release

Durham Police Department

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Durham Police File Charges in Driver Street Shooting

Durham police investigators have filed charges against four men in connection with an October 23 shooting that injured two children and an adult male.

Officers responded to a call in the 200 block of North Driver Street at 1:13 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. They found a 48-year-old male who had been shot outside 210 North Driver Street. They also found two children – a 1-year-old female and a 3-year-old male – who had been shot inside a house at 204-A North Driver Street. All three were taken to Duke University Hospital for treatment.

John Tarver, 23, of 204-B North Driver Street was arrested last week. Tarver is charged with shooting the 48-year-old male but he is not charged with shooting the children.

Two men - Arthur Clendenning, 24, of North Hyde Park Avenue and Jaunaraais King, 23, of Kent Lake Drive – turned themselves in to police. Clendenning is in Durham County Jail under a \$2 million bond and King is in jail under a \$1.5 million bond. Investigators are still trying to locate Tavarez Brown, 24, of Spruce Street. Clendenning, King and Brown are charged with shooting the children. They are not charged with shooting the 48-year-old male.

Tarver was originally arrested on October 25 and charged with shooting Tavarez Brown on October 17 on Fern Street. Brown was shot several times in the buttocks during a drive-by shooting. He was treated for his injuries at Duke University Hospital.

Investigators believe the October 23 shooting on Driver Street was in retaliation for the shooting on Fern Street. Investigators also believe that on October 23, the occupants of a blue vehicle fired shots at Tarver who was standing on the porch of 204-B North Driver Street. The shots missed Tarver but entered 204-A North Driver Street and wounded the two children who were inside the house.

Tarver is charged with returning fire and striking the 48-year-old male who was standing on the corner and was apparently not the intended target.

Tarver was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with the Driver Street incident. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with the Fern Street incident. He is in Durham County Jail under a \$1.5 million bond.

Clendenning, Brown and King are all charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Cristaldi at (919) 560-4281, ext. 29123 or CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.